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Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: June 17, Norwegian steamship *Gwent*, crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. June 19, American steamship *David*, crew, 23; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. June 21, British steamship *Usk*, crew, 20; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

W. B. ROBERTSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *June 18, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended June 18, 1902:

Population according to census of 1896, 1,856. Present officially estimated population, 2,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from small-pox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: June 12, steamship *Anselm*, crew, 41; passengers from this port, 3; passengers in transit, 4; baggage disinfected, 2 pieces. June 14, steamship *Hiram*, crew, 15; passengers from this port, 3; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

S. H. BACKUS,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Tampico—Sanitary conditions and mortality statistics.

TAMPICO, MEXICO, *June 23, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith abstract of bills of health issued at this port during the week ended June 21, 1902. During the same period there were recorded in the office of the juez civil a total of 15 deaths, as follows: Malaria, 4; disease of the gastro-intestinal tract, 3; tuberculosis, 2; pneumonia, 3; cardiac disease, 1; aneurism, 1, and infiltration of urine, 1.

There has been considerable rain during the past few days, probably the beginning of the wet season. The outlying portions of the city being rather low, barely above sea level, have been converted into puddles of varying dimensions. It is expected that the mosquito will take advantage of this opportunity to multiply its kind. The temperature, in the shade during the day has varied from 26° to 28° C.; otherwise, the sanitary condition of the port remains unchanged.

Respectfully,

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